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H. RES. 473

To raise awareness about domestic violence against women in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1994

Mr. MANTON (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. MEEHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

To raise awareness about domestic violence against women in the United States.

Whereas men must start talking to men about ending the violence against women, and start teaching their sons that the physical, sexual, emotional, or financial abuse of women will not be tolerated by our society;

Whereas corporate America must speak up and use its vast resources to increase awareness about domestic violence, as they have done successfully through national campaigns against substance abuse and child abuse;

Whereas the Center for Disease Control reports that domestic violence is the leading cause of injury for women between the ages of 15 and 44, more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined;

Whereas approximately 29 percent of all female murder victims in 1992 were killed by their husbands or boyfriends;

Whereas 25 percent of women treated in hospital emergency rooms are there as a result of domestic violence;

Whereas 2,500,000 women are victimized each year, and 1 out of every 3 women killed dies as a result of domestic battery;

Whereas the American Medical Association estimates that 25 percent of all women in the United States will be abused by a current or former partner some time during their lives;

Whereas every 15 seconds a woman is battered in a domestic dispute; and

Whereas every 6 hours a woman dies in the United States as a result of domestic violence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that there is a need for a national campaign
3 to heighten awareness about domestic battery, and to end
4 the silence that surrounds this type of violence.

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